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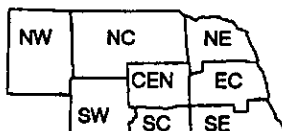
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WEATHER

The week began warm and ended on the cool side. Temperatures averaged three to six degrees below normals across the State. Precipitation occurred midweek with amounts averaging around a half inch.

GENERAL

Ideal fall harvest conditions enabled Nebraska farmers to make excellent progress in bringing crops out of the fields last week, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Producers are reporting quite variable yields but many are finding that their yields of corn, grain sorghum, and soybeans are better than their pre-harvest expectations. Dry bean harvest was winding down while sugar beet harvest should be in full swing the week of October 7. Other farm activities included winter wheat seeding and livestock care.

CROPS

Harvest of corn for grain was in full swing last week as producers had picked 52% of the State's acreage by week's end, nearly two weeks ahead of normal. Some producers in the western half of the State are waiting for corn to further field dry before harvesting. Ear droppage and broken stalks from previous corn borer damage continue to be a concern and have encouraged harvesting progress.

CROPS (Cont.)

Soybean harvest also progressed at an increasing rate this past week and as of Sunday, 74% of the soybeans had been cut. This completion rate was ten days ahead of the 5-year average.

Grain sorghum harvesting was likewise making fast progress as 65% of the crop had been combined by week's end, a full two weeks ahead of normal. Stalk rot was still a concern for producers in the East Central and Southeast Districts. Some of the sorghum fields which did not head out properly were still being harvested with some yield realized.

Wheat seeding made good progress last week with 98% sown to date. This remains ahead of last year and average. Even though germination was occurring, the minimal subsoil moisture was giving producers reservations about plant growth for adequate rooting down for over winter survival. The midweek moisture was helpful, but more will be needed soon to realize adequate fall growth.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at 64% of normal, a decrease from last week. Supplemental feeding continues where pastures are short. Cattle are being moved to stalk fields for pasturing as soon as the corn and sorghum has been harvested and the fencing made ready.

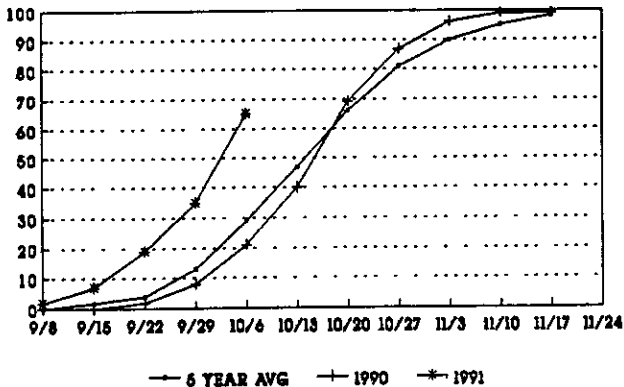
FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 6, 1991	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% corn harvested	31	41	52	54	56	26	47	83	52	29	25	24
% sorghum harvested	0	46	65	62	66	22	47	79	65	35	21	29
% soybeans harvested	0	70	75	69	70	50	73	84	74	38	49	41
% wheat sown	100	100	100	100	95	100	98	94	98	87	93	94
% wheat emerged	95	90	76	69	56	89	73	23	75	43	64	76
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 4, 1991												
Days suitable	6.0	5.7	5.3	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.5	6.2	6.0	6.9	5.7	
Topsoil moisture - Short	60	90	66	86	100	64	91	83	81	81	63	
(Percent) - Adequate	40	10	24	14	0	36	9	17	17	19	37	
- Surplus	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	
Subsoil moisture - Short	73	90	81	100	92	46	100	100	86	82	77	
(Percent) - Adequate	27	10	19	0	8	54	0	0	14	18	23	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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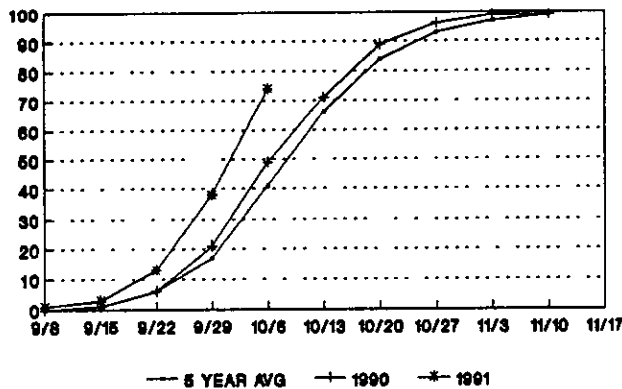
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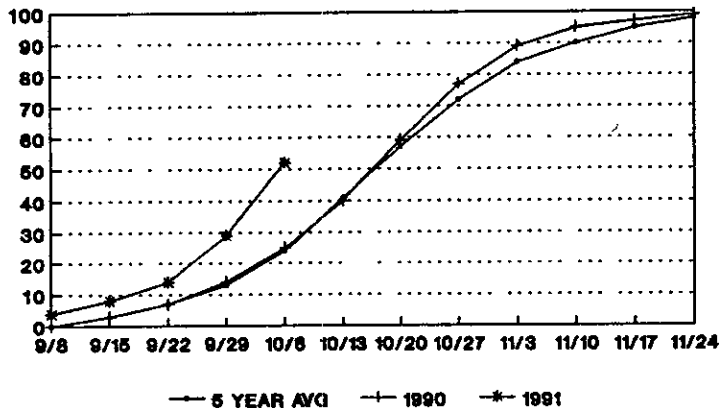
PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY

NEBRASKA -- SOYBEANS HARVESTED



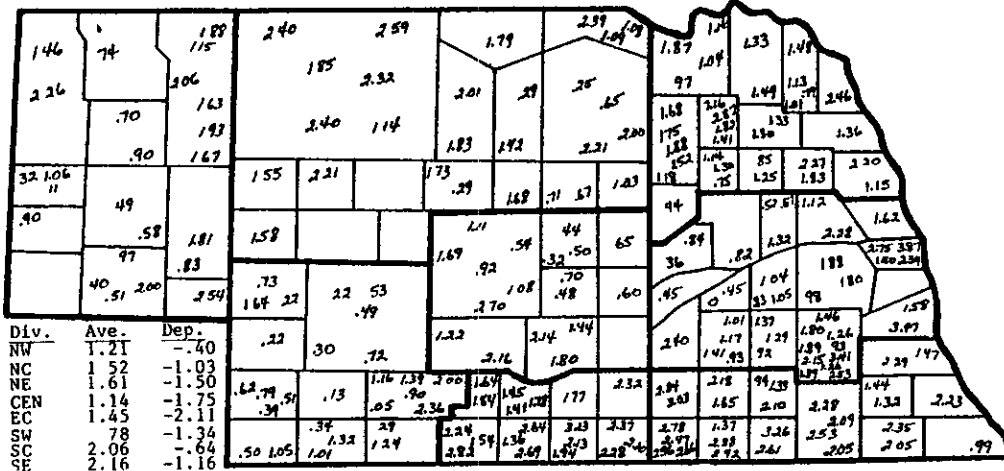
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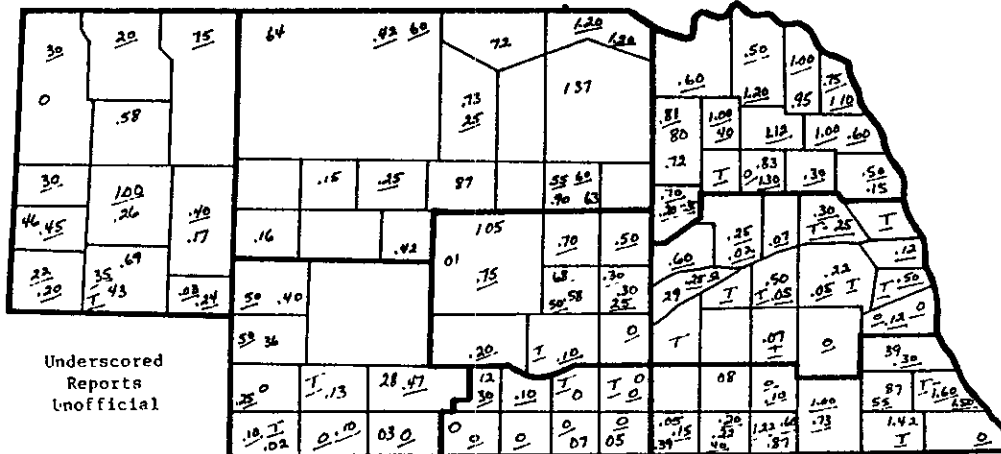
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF AUGUST 1991 1/



1/ Courtesy of the Department of Agricultural Meteorology, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, The University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1991



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1991

Station		Temperature			Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Total Inches 1/
		Max	Min		
NW	Chadron	87	24	52	45
	Scottsbluff	85	26	52	49
	Sidney	84	28	54	30
NC	Valentine	91	16	52	50
NE	Norfolk	88	27	53	.86
	Sioux City	84	29	54	.80
CEN	Grand Island	88	23	52	21
	Ord	87	22	54	60
EC	Lincoln	86	36	55	26
	Omaha	84	29	54	62
SW	Imperial	87	27	54	---
	North Platte	87	21	52	.43